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SUBJECT: JORDANIAN FMS PAYMENTS

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1. CINC JAF BIN SHAKER HAS TOLD US THAT SAUDIS
AND JORDAN HAVE SIGNED AGREEMENT TO COVER FY 76
AND 77 FMS PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS. AGREEMENT WILL
OBLIGATE SAUDIS TO DELIVER TO JORDAN ON AN
ADEQUATE TIME SCHEDULE FUNDS WHICH JORDAN WILL
USE TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL.

2. BIN SHAKER SAYS MONEY WILL GO DIRECTLY TO
CENTRAL BANK ACCOUNT WHICH WILL BE HELD ONLY FOR
PAYMENT OF THESE DEBTS. PAYMENT SCHEDULE WORKED
OUT WITH SAUDIS PROVIDES FOR DELIVERY OF FUNDS
TO JORDAN TWO MONTHS IN ADVANCE OF DEBT PAYMENTS
ACTUALLY DUE AT FFB.

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ON THIS ARRANGEMENT WHICH WILL FOLLOW. (REFTEL B).

4. SAUDIS ARE ALSO WILLING TO CONSIDER QUESTION
OF AN ADDITIONAL JD 10 MILLION TO COVER JAF SALARY
RAISES LAST YEAR AND ACCORDING TO BIN SHAKER HAVE
COMMITTED THEMSELVES AT SOME LEVEL ON BUDGET
SUPPORT, EXACT AMOUNT OF WHICH HE IS NOT AWARE.

5. ABOVE AGREEMENT, PRESUMING SAUDIS DELIVER
FUNDS SHORTLY, SHOULD PERMIT IMMEDIATE PAYMENT OF
OUTSTANDING DOLS 9.16 MILLION ON FY 76 CREDIT.
WE WILL WANT TO EXAMINE WITH WASHINGTON THIS NEW
ARRANGEMENT TO MAKE SURE IT IS COMPATIBLE WITH
OUR GENERAL REQUIREMENTS BEFORE RELEASING FY 77
FUNDS. JORDANIANS HOPE AT A LATER POINT TO GET
SAUDI AGREEMENT FOR SOME ARRANGEMENTS FOR FY 78
FMS CREDIT FUNDS.
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